



California eHealth Stakeholder Webinar

March 10, 2011

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Purpose

To dramatically improve safe and secure patient and provider access to personal and population health information and decision-making processes, benefiting the health and wellbeing, safety, efficiency, and quality of care for all Californians.

Goals

1. To ensure patients have safe, secure access to their personal health information and the ability to share that information with others involved in their care
2. To engage in an open, inclusive, collaborative, public-private process that supports widespread EHR adoption and a robust, sustainable statewide health information exchange
3. To improve health care outcomes and reduce costs
4. To maximize California stakeholders' collective access to critical ARRA stimulus funds
5. To integrate and synchronize the planning and implementation of HIE, HIT, telehealth and provider incentive program components of the federal stimulus act
6. To ensure accountability in the expenditure of funds
7. To improve public and population health through stronger public health program integration, bio-surveillance and emergency response capabilities

eHealth in California

Diverse Resources to Support EHR Adoption and Improve Health

- CHHS HIT Coordinator (HIE Cooperative Agreement)
- California Office of Health Information Integrity (Cal OHII)
- Medicare EHR Incentive Program (CMS)
- Medi-Cal EHR Incentive Program (DHCS)
- Public Health (CDPH and Local Health Departments)
- Cal eConnect HIE Services
- Regional Extension Centers
 - Cal HIPSO
 - COREC
 - HITEC-LA
 - CA Rural Indian Health Board (CRIHB)
- Beacon – San Diego
- Health Workforce Initiative
- California Telehealth Network

Enrollment Update

- **Registration for the Medicare EHR Incentive Programs is now open.**
 - We encourage providers to register with CMS for the Medicare and/or Medicaid EHR Incentive Program(s) as soon as possible.
 - You can register before you have a certified EHR.
- **Step-by-step guides to help you register for EHR Incentive Programs.**
http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/20_RegistrationalAttestation.asp
- **CMS EHR Incentive Programs Listserv**
http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/65_CMS_EHR_Listserv.asp#TopOfPage



Registration Opens for Medicare & Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs on January 3, 2011

Registration for the Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Programs, administered by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), starts on January 3, 2011.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has resources available for you to adopt, implement, or upgrade to a certified EHR product and help you register to receive incentive payments:

- The CMS Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs website: www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms
- Regional Extension Centers, which offer direct support in adopting certified EHR technology. Find the REC in your area by visiting: www.healthit.hhs.gov/rec
- Begin participating in 2011 and 2012 to earn the maximum incentive—up to \$44,000 for Medicare and up to \$63,750 for Medicaid!

The Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs are providing incentive payments to eligible professionals and hospitals as they demonstrate meaningful use of certified EHR technology.

Certified EHR technology can help improve the quality of health outcomes and the efficiency of health care, while providing privacy and security safeguards.

Get Connected to a Certified Electronic Health Record!



The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology



* The Medicaid EHR Incentive Program is voluntarily offered and administered by states and territories and can also begin in 2011. Actual start dates will vary by state.

EHR Incentive Programs

- Medicare EHR Incentive Program
 - Registration available now with CMS
 - Meaningful Use Attestation anticipated in April, 2011
 - Incentive payments anticipated May, 2011
- Medi-Cal EHR Incentive Program
 - Registration can be initiated now through CMS
 - Expected launch for California program is April 1
 - After launch, registration can be completed through DHCS
 - A/I/U (Adopt/Implement/Upgrade) Attestation in 2011
 - Incentive payments anticipated May, 2011

Announcement from ONC

- March 8, 2011 - “Health Affairs’ published an article concerning research into the benefits of health information technology
- Comprehensive review of recent peer-reviewed studies
- Great preponderance of positive outcomes for HIT deployment and use
- Positive results of this study demonstrate the need for health information exchange among and between health care professionals and hospitals in states

“The Benefits Of Health Information Technology: A Review Of The Recent Literature Shows Predominantly Positive Results”

Melinda Beeuwkes Buntin, Matthew F. Burke, Michael C. Hoaglin and David Blumenthal

Health Affairs, 30, no.3 (2011):464-471

Key Findings

“The Benefits Of Health Information Technology: A Review Of The Recent Literature Shows Predominantly Positive Results”

- In surveying peer-reviewed studies from 2007 to 2010, the article finds that 92 percent of the studies reached conclusions that showed overall positive effects for HIT.
- The previous comprehensive review focuses on HIT related articles between 2004 and 2007. This new article helps correct the gap between adoption and implementation and knowledge of the documented effects of HIT.
- The new article is also significant because it finds increasing evidence of benefits for all health care providers, not just the larger HIT “leader” organizations that have been the source of much HIT experience data in the past.

Key Findings Cont.

“The Benefits Of Health Information Technology: A Review Of The Recent Literature Shows Predominantly Positive Results”

- This updated review initially screened over 4,000 peer-reviewed articles. It ultimately drew on 154 articles that were qualified for the parameters of this study (similar to the number of articles surveyed by earlier reviews.)

Please find the link to the articles below.

- Abstract:
<http://content.healthaffairs.org/cgi/content/abstract/30/3/464?ijkey=gRVTfdIF.JFwA&keytype=ref&siteid=healthaff>
- Reprint:
<http://content.healthaffairs.org/cgi/reprint/30/3/464?ijkey=gRVTfdIF.JFwA&keytype=ref&siteid=healthaff>
- Full Text:
<http://content.healthaffairs.org/cgi/content/full/30/3/464?ijkey=gRVTfdIF.JFwA&keytype=ref&siteid=healthaff>

Proposed Stage 2 Meaningful Use Framework- Comments Submitted

- Health Information Technology Policy Committee (HITPC)
 - Federal advisory committee that advises the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on federal HIT policy issues
 - Advises on how to define the meaningful use (MU) of EHRs for purposes of Medicare and Medicaid EHR incentive programs
 - Developed a **preliminary** set of recommendations specifically designed to solicit additional public feedback
 - [http://healthit.hhs.gov/media/faca/MU_RFC%20 2011-01-12_final.pdf](http://healthit.hhs.gov/media/faca/MU_RFC%202011-01-12_final.pdf)
- CHHS submitted comments based on input from:
 - Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs, Department of Health Care Services, Department of Mental Health, Department of Public Health, Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development
 - Cal eConnect collected input from California stakeholders
 - eCoordinating Committee and DHCS EHR Incentive Advisory Board

Overarching Comments Submitted by CHHS

- Consider extending the time period between Stage 1 and Stage 2 adoption of MU objectives.
- Suggest aligning Meaningful Use timelines with those of other HITECH programs, such as the Regional Extension Center Programs and the HIE Cooperative Agreement.
- Overall, supportive of incremental increases in capacity as represented in a number of the proposed objectives. However, concerned to see new objectives introduced in Stage 2 that do not have well defined parameters and have challenging numerator and denominator calculations.
- Recommend language used in the objectives be consistent from Stage 1 to Stage 2 to Stage 3.

Cal OHII Demonstration Projects

As authorized by AB 278, CalOHII is to establish and administer demonstration projects funded by federal grants and other sources.

The demonstration projects are to do all of the following:

- 1) Identify barriers to implementing health information exchanges.
- 2) Test potential security and privacy policies for the safe and secure exchange of health information, including, but not limited to, issues related to access to, and storage of, individual health information.
- 3) Identify and address differences between state and federal laws regarding privacy of health information.

Cal OHII Demonstration Projects Cont.

- Regulations posted for 30 days
 - View at: <http://www.ohi.ca.gov>
 - Provide written comments by 5 pm on April 1, 2011
 - Public hearing on April 1, 2011
- Mid-April: Regulations finalized & filed with OAL
- 2 Demonstration projects will be selected for 2011
 - Application deadline was March 7, 2011
 - Selections announced before the end of March
- All applications will be kept on file at CalOHII as potential, future demo project participants
 - Application will remain on file until applicant withdraws

Cal eConnect

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President & CEO

HIE Expansion Proposal Summaries

Project Title / Applicant	Project Description
OC Unites / OCPRHIO	Leverage HIE services provided by new technology partners (WHIN, Mirth, and Cognosante) to meet community goals of improving patient care through better care coordination.
Health Data Highway Project / LANES	Enrich the data available to providers by adding data sources to the existing clinical data exchange infrastructure and leverage HITEC-LA
Meaningful Use Expansion/ Redwood MedNet	Expand capability for eRx, lab results and orders delivery, patient care summary exchange and public health reporting
Humboldt Information Exchange Project / NCHIN	Provide electronic lab results and Continuity of Care Documents (CCDs) to health care providers in Humboldt
California Rural eHealth Information Network (CAREHIN) / CSRHA, CAeHC, Santa Cruz HIE	Establish CAREHIN for all rural providers, beginning with Critical Access Hospitals and their trading partners, to expand HIE capacity and ability to achieve the meaningful use criteria outlined in the PIN
Connecting the Central Valley through Health Information Exchange / EXCITA	Focus on receipt of structured lab results, sharing patient care summaries, interfaces with immunization registries, and e-Prescribing via SureScripts
Central Coast Health Information Exchange Network (CC-HIE) / RAIN	Expand existing Telemedicine Network Infrastructure and establish a regional HIE network to serve as a gateway between EMR systems within the tri-counties enabling information exchange

Grant Awards

Applicant	Project Title	Funds Requested	Recommended Funding	Matching Funds
Approved for Funding				
OCPRHIO	OC Unites	\$795,761	\$795,761	\$2,302,385
LANES	Health Data Highway Project	\$996,070	\$996,070	\$3,474,468
Redwood MedNet	Meaningful Use Expansion - Part 1	\$476,900	\$476,900	\$822,991
NCHIN	North Coast Health Information Network	\$200,105	\$200,105	\$200,000
	Subtotal	\$2,468,836	\$2,468,836	\$6,799,844
Approved for Funding Pending Further Discussion				
CSRHA	CAREHIN	\$999,250	\$1,000,000	\$5,887,220
EKCITA	Connecting the Central Valley through HIE	\$1,000,000		\$2,823,444
	Subtotal	\$1,999,250	\$1,000,000	\$8,720,664
<i>In discussion w/CSRHA & EKCITA for project(s) with total budget no more than \$1 million.</i>				
Not Recommended for Cycle 1 Funding by Evaluators				
<i>But may receive support through CSRHA / EKCITA</i>				
RAIN	RAIN Central Coast HIE	\$636,375	\$0	\$636,375
Total Recommended Allocation from Cal eConnect			\$3,468,836	

Cal eConnect Stakeholder Summit Survey

Cal eConnect is planning their first State-wide Stakeholder Summit.

ALL California HIE Stakeholders are invited to provide feedback on meeting days, session topics, and more!

Use this link to participate in the survey:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VNHZLF6>

Please provide your feedback by midnight on Wednesday, March 16.

For questions, e-mail info@caleconnect.org

CalHIPSO

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Outreach & Enrollment Update



Over 3,800 providers enrolled to date

7 hospitals enrolled in rural hospital supplemental funding program

Outreach Partner activities generating new small practice “leads” across California

Milestone 2 Update



- 276 providers at Milestone 2 (EHR go-live)
- CalHIPSO has selected eClinicalWorks as its first vendor partner
 - Press release posted to CalHIPSO website
- Negotiations are continuing with other EHR vendors

** Our list of contracted vendors will be posted at www.calhipso.org*

CalHIPSO Update, Cont'd

Meetings

- First Physician Advisory Council meeting took place on February 25
- LEC Retreat March 29th in Sacramento
- March 30-31 Workforce meeting in Sacramento
 - Led by Community College network
 - Will discuss alignment of training curriculum with the needs of the REC members
 - E.H.R. vendors to attend also

New LEC Coverage

- New LEC coverage in Central Valley approved by Board of Directors
 - Eliminates “white spaces” and allows for 100% allocation of membership spots
 - New LEC map to be posted on CalHIPSO website shortly

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CalOptima Regional Extension Center (COREC)

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CalOptima "Contracted PCP" Program

Providers receive \$1000.00 enrollment incentive

Health Care "Safety Net" Initiative: CalOptima Awarded COREC \$100,000

HIT platform to foster sharing of data among Health clinics

Improve Patient-Centered Care

Grant Award Initiative:

Working closely with Community Stakeholders to develop additional HIT Funding
Stimulate the continued development of a robust HIE/EHR integration efforts in OC

Subsidized Service Partner Initiative: RFP submission 3.7.11

Preferred Vendor Selection, Practice Assessment and Implementation Management

Community / Web-Based Workshop Series

Understand and Achieve Meaningful Use

Adopt - Implement – Upgrade

EARLY Adoption Campaign reaches 125 members!!!!

Robust resources to meet/achieve meaningful use ends in 2014

Workforce College Partnership Program

Local College Affiliation Agreements: Develop graduate and internships with Service Partners

March 30-31 Western Region Community College Conference in Sacramento



CalOptima
Better. Together.

HITEC-LA

Mary Franz
Executive Director



An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

The transition to Electronic Health Records (EHR) is one of the greatest challenges facing health care providers today. HITEC-LA helps you power your practice with experienced Health Information Technology (HIT) professionals who help streamline procedures and minimize disruptions as you implement your EHR. With our expert guidance, HITEC-LA is just what the doctor ordered.

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News & Events

- 03/02/2011
[Free EHR Educational Webinar Series Now Available on HITEC-LA Website](#)
- 02/24/2011
[HITEC-LA Announces First EHR Vendor to Make Preferred Vendor List; Others to Be Announced](#)

[more](#)

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Goal: 3000 

Members: 1835  61%

Services Provided: 942  31%

Medi-Cal EHR Incentive Program

Raul Ramirez
Chief, Office of Health IT
Department of Health Care Services



Medi-Cal EHR Incentive Program

- **Medi-Cal EHR State Level Registry (SLR) for Provider Incentive Payments — Provider Outreach Page**

As a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, beginning in 2011 Medi-Cal is able to offer eligible practitioners and hospitals substantial financial incentives to adopt, implement and upgrade electronic health records. Incentive payments will also be available for the “meaningful use” of electronic health records by practitioners (over 6 years) and hospitals (over 4 years).

<http://medi-cal.ehr.ca.gov/>

- **Medi-Cal EHR Incentive Program**

The program aims to transform the nation’s health care system and improve the quality, safety and efficiency of patient health care through the use of electronic health records.

<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/pages/dhcsokit.aspx>

Public Health

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Public Health Reporting for Meaningful Use

Must select one of the following:

- ☐ Send to Immunization Registry (EP & EH)
- ☐ Send Laboratory Results to Public Health (EH)
- ☐ Send Syndromic Surveillance to Public Health (EP & EH)

Please note:

- ☐ Must attempt submission
- ☐ If submission unsuccessful because Public Health cannot receive then no further action necessary
- ☐ If submission successful must continue to submit
- ☐ If you have a Certified EHR it should be capable of submitting the measure by definition
- ☐ Capacity to receive varies by Local Health Jurisdiction

Public Health Reporting and Meaningful Use

- Updates for Public Health capabilities to receive Meaningful Use reporting will be posted to the CDPH eHealth web site at:

<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/data/informatics/Pages/eHealth.aspx>



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eHealth in Public Health

On July 28, 2010, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released their final rule for the Electronic Health Program as a complement to the final rule on standards and certification released by the Office of National Coordinator for Technology (ONC).

As part of the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act of 2009, or the "HITECH Act," these fi establish programs to improve health care quality, safety, and efficiency of patient care through the promotion and meani information technology (HIT), including qualified electronic health records (EHRs) and private and secure electronic health

Meaningful Use of Health Information Technology (HIT)

Under the EHR Incentive Program, eligible providers and hospitals receive incentive payments for Stage 1 (in years 2011 implement certified EHR technology and/or have demonstrated "meaningful use."



Western Region Community College Health IT Workforce Training Program

Tessa Miley

Program Administrator Grants

Butte College



Collaboration

- **Western Region**
Health IT Workforce Training Conference
March 30 and 31, 2011
Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza, Sacramento, CA
- Staff and faculty from the 14 member colleges
- March 30 – Partner Day
- RECs/LECs/Cal eConnect invited to participate

Conference Topics

- Health IT Landscape and Community College Role
- Curriculum Overview and Alignment
- Career Opportunities Panel
- Vendor Education and Discussion
- Marketing and Outreach
- Collaborative Activities

Communication

- Website <http://wrhealthit.org/>

Includes link for conference registration

Questions?

Contact Linda Zorn, ZornLi@butte.edu or
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